GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5275
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EXCLUSION OF OBC IN CENSUS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have excluded OBCs in the census; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D.SWAMI)

(a) to (b): In all the censuses since 1951 information on the Scheduled Castes and the ScheduledTribes has been collected by the Census Organisation as per statutory requirement. As per the past practice, no question on OBCs was canvassed at the Census of India, 2001.